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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Draft resolution submitted by Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide, Mr. Joinet, Ms. Ksentini, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley and Mr. Sachar

1992/... Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/67 of 4 March 1992,

Recalling its resolution 1991/9 of 23 August 1991 and the other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission and the Sub-Commission,

Noting that, in his report on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran (E/CN.4/1992/34), the Special Representative Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, drew attention to the increasing number of executions,

Noting also that more than one hundred and fifty political prisoners were executed in May 1992,

Deeply concerned at the continuing violations of human rights by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, namely summary and arbitrary executions, torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, arbitrary arrests and detention, enforced or involuntary disappearances, lack of due process of law and fair trial and freedom of religion and expression,

Deploring the expulsion in March 1992 of the delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross from the Islamic Republic of Iran despite an earlier agreement by the Government to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit Iranian prisons, and deeply concerned at the Government's refusal to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to resume these visits,

Gravely concerned at the rise in the number of summary executions following the recent anti-government demonstrations in cities such as Arak, Mashad and Shiraz, and at the arbitrary arrests of thousands of people during those demonstrations, attributed by the authorities to the mujahidin,

Disturbed by many aspects of the official treatment of Iranian women, including the officially announced arrest of one hundred and thirteen thousand people on charges of "dissemination of moral corruption and mal-veiling" in the year ending 2 August 1992,

Noting in particular that the situation of the Baha'i community in the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to be a matter of concern,

Recalling its resolutions 1990/8 of 30 August 1990 and 1991/9 of 23 August 1991 condemning the assassination of Professor Kazem Rajavi in Switzerland and deploring the apparent direct involvement of one or more official Iranian services in the killing,

Concerned at further assassinations and attempts on the lives of Iranian dissidents abroad, including an abortive attempt on the life of Massoud Rajavi, President of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, in December 1991,

1. Endorses the urgent call by the Special Representative in his report to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to comply with international human rights standards;

2. Condemns the continuing grave violations of human rights by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially:

(a) The use of excessive force to suppress anti-government demonstrations, including summary executions and arbitrary arrests;

(b) Executions, systematic torture and maltreatment of political prisoners;

(c) Stoning, torture and degrading treatment of citizens, especially women, in public;

(d) Renewed persecution of religious minorities and summary killings of Baha'is;

(e) Suppression of freedom of thought, expression and association;

3. Requests the Special Representative, in his next report to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights, to include information available to him on executions, arrests and measures to suppress political opposition, including the formation of special paramilitary units, and any further information on the assassination of Professor Kazem Rajavi;

4. Supports continued international monitoring of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission at its forty-fifth session of relevant reports by other special rapporteurs or bodies in the field of human rights, as well as of steps which have been or are being taken by the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights to prevent violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran;

6. Decides to consider further the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups such as the Baha'i, at its forty-fifth session.